

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval (J&A)
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition (>SAT)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA248-18-AP-10366

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 08, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital (JAHVH)
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** VISN 8 is requesting a Brand Name Only acquisition for Welch Allyn Connex Vital Signs Monitors for JAHVH. The Connex Vital Signs will be used for acute, spinal, polytrauma, and recovery care.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The purchase request is for 164 Welch Allyn Connex Spot Monitors with the necessary accessories, software, license, and installation. The total estimated value for this acquisition is
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
(X) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** This is a Brand Name Justification for Welch Allyn Connex Spot Monitor systems that is compatible with the existing vital signs monitors, stands, and proprietary software. The Biomedical Engineers can interchange parts to fix and repair these systems seamlessly as needed.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** The manufacturer was contacted to determine if third party vendors are able to provide these items. This document along with the solicitation will be posted to the Federal Business Opportunities website via www.fbo.gov.
7. **Determination by the CO that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Fair and Reasonable prices will be leveraged using a price only evaluation for the Welch Allyn Connex Spot Monitor systems.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** No additional market research was conducted beyond para. 6 of this document, since it is essential for JAHVH to use Welch Allyn Connex Spot Monitor systems.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** The Contracting Officer shall consider the level of manufacturer authorization to aid with risk management in order to avoid a "gray market" procurement. An "Authorized Distributor Letter" from the manufacturer will be needed in order to be considered for an award.

